

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

In the following amendments, underlined emphasis indicates insertions and ~~strikethrough~~ emphasis (and/or double brackets) indicates deletions.

Please replace the paragraph on page 14, lines 19-24 with the following amended paragraph:

-- - Facilitating the management of materials (documents) accompanying an agreement along with its written agreement, because base materials prior to an agreement, agreement negotiation materials, materials after the agreement is concluded, etc. ~~amass~~ become a huge volume. --.

Please replace the paragraph on page 15, lines 9-13 with the following amended paragraph:

-- - Enabling an agreement expiry date, especially, the renewal or the automatic termination of an agreement to be ~~copeed with~~ addressed.
- Enabling installments in accordance with an agreement to be ~~copeed with~~ addressed. -

Please replace the paragraph on page 22, line 2 – page 23, line 6 with the following amended paragraph:

-- An implementation report (such as royalty report) state search/inquiry function 28 is a function for searching the data stored in the agreement contents database 20, the balance database 21, and the agreement relevant document database 22 for the current implementation state of an agreement, the payment state of a running royalty, etc. An implementation report (such as royalty report) state list output function 38 is a function for displaying on the display unit or printing a list of implementation states searched or inquired by the implementation report (such as royalty report) state search/inquiry function 28. Note that some agreements can possibly have no obligation to report their implementation state,

and others can possibly make an arrangement to abort or resume an implementation report (such as royalty report) depending on an implementation state. Accordingly, for the above described registration of agreement contents data, when there is no implementation report (such as royalty report) although an arrangement of a running royalty, etc. is made as a consideration condition, or when an implementation report (such as royalty report) is aborted to be made, resumed, etc., during the implementation of the agreement, data such as ~~unsubmission~~ not-making, abortion, resume, etc. of an implementation report (such as royalty report) is registered depending on the implementation state of agreement contents, whereby agreements whose implementation ~~report reports~~ (such as royalty report) ~~[[s]]~~ are not made can be also excluded from an implementation state list to be output. --

Please replace the paragraph on page 42, lines 14-18 with the following amended paragraph:

-- Registration/modification and ~~reediton~~ re-edition of agreement contents data, registration/modification of balance data, and registration/modification of an electronically stored document are described next as registration/modification of agreement information. --

Please replace the paragraph on page 43, line 19 – page 44, line 11 with the following amended paragraph:

-- There is also an agreement among 3 parties or more such as companies A, B, C, etc., such that a license is granted from the companies B and C to the company A, consideration conditions are set by the companies B and C for the company A, and payments of running royalties, etc. from the company A to the companies B and C are respectively incurred (this is assumed to be a case 4). Basically, patterns of agreement having consideration conditions can be classified as the cases 1 to 4. However, how to set a plurality of consideration conditions in one agreement,

namely, how to manage an agreement which incurs a plurality of pieces of balance data as in the cases 2 to 4 becomes a problem. Especially, there arises a problem: which of the parties has a right, to whom a right is given, and how these identifications are made, in all of the cases 1 to 4 when viewed from the system side. The present invention can also ~~cope with~~ address these cases 2 to 4. --

Please replace the paragraph on page 45, lines 5-23 with the following amended paragraph:

-- From the menu screen #4 of Fig. 7, the display can proceed to an agreement information registration screen #24 of Fig. 9. On the agreement information registration screen #24, registration resume/registered information modification, ~~re-edition~~ re-edition, new registration (normal case (corresponding to the case 1)), and special cases (a plurality of registrations a (corresponding to the case 2), b (corresponding to the case 3), and c (corresponding to the case 4) can be made. For the registration resume/registered information modification or the ~~re-edition~~ re-edition, the display proceeds to a basic information registration screen #26. Here, the ~~re-edition~~ re-edition is a reedited agreement to which an addition or a modification is made (an original agreement plus a memorandum of understanding), when part of the agreement is later added or modified with the memorandum of understanding, etc., With the ~~re-edition~~ re-edition, a plurality of modifications are sometimes made to one agreement. In such a case, ~~re-edition~~ re-edition is repeatedly made. --

Please replace the paragraph on page 55, line 15 – page 57, line 4 with the following amended paragraph:

-- (1) of Fig. 12 shows a login screen (#3 of Fig. 7). This screen prompts a user to input his or her ID and password. On the login screen, buttons such as a system summary button describing the system, a user registration button for registering a user, a login button, and a user registration change button are provided as the left

fields. When a user logs in to the system, a transition is made to a menu screen of (2) of Fig. 12 (#4 of Fig. 7). On the screen of (2), a system notice is displayed, and buttons such as agreement contents/balance data registration, statistical data, search, term description, implementation report (such as royalty report) state inquiry, and logout are provided. Also on this screen, the description of the system can be viewed. (3) of Fig. 12 shows a screen (#24 of Fig. 9), which is displayed after a registration button is selected. On the screen of (3), buttons such as new registration, modification (registration resume/registered information modification), and ~~reedition~~ re-edition are provided. A management number field is intended to input the management number of agreement data to be modified or ~~reedited~~ re-edited when modification or ~~reedition~~ re-edition is made. If a new registration is selected on the screen of (3), a transition is made to a screen of (4) next. On the screen of (4) (#24' of Fig. 9), a company code of a counterpart company that makes an agreement as a party (one company, which is a representative of a plurality of companies if they exist, can be input, or the plurality of companies can be input at one time), a country name, a right permission relationship are input. The right permission relationship (including the presence/absence of a consideration) is input, so that the system determines any of the above described patterns P1 to P9, and stipulates a licensor and a licensee. Here, in the cases 2 to 4 for the pattern P1, with the click of any of buttons a, b, and c, a transition is made to the above described #24-a, b, or c of Fig. 9. This example shows a bidirectional license from the company A (company on this side) to a company X (counterpart). --

Please replace the paragraph on page 63, line 16 – page 64, line 12 with the following amended paragraph:

-- Fig. 23 shows the downloading type and the format of agreement data. Such a type of selection screen is displayed as #20 of Fig. 8. Actually, only a CSV file name and data items are displayed. An access right required is internal data for checking an access right within the system. For each user, depending on his or her

access right, a limitation is imposed on agreement data that he or she can download. In the case of Fig. 23, access rights such as AG1 and AG2 are provided. A user having the access right AG1 can download only basic information, an agreement target, and other agreement conditions when downloading agreement data. A user having the access right AG2 can download all of agreement data items. Agreement data is enabled to be downloaded in a CSV (Comma Separated Value) format. However, if one piece of agreement data has a large amount of information, it is enabled to be downloaded by being separated into 4 types of CSV files. A user downloads target data by specifying any of the 4 types, and a downloading by specifying destination (#22 of Fig. 8). For the downloading, a limitation is imposed on a file that can be referenced depending on an access right. --

Please replace the paragraph on page 70, line 25 – page 71, line 1 with the following amended paragraph:

-- (2) Data of a balance amount, such as a ~~consideration price~~ condition, etc. of an agreement is classified as AG2. --

Please replace the paragraph on page 80, lines 14-17 with the following amended paragraph:

-- Fig. 43 is a flowchart showing a registration/modification/~~re-edition~~ re-edition process starting from login. The ~~re-edition~~ re-edition is used as the following meaning. --

Please replace the paragraph on page 80, lines 18-23 with the following amended paragraph:

-- ~~re-edition~~ re-edition/version number

If contents of an agreement are changed with a memorandum of understanding for one agreement, contents obtained by incorporating an article

changed with the memorandum in the contents of the agreement, which is the base, is defined to be a ~~reedition~~ re-edition. --

Please replace the paragraph on page 80, line 24 – page 81, line 3 with the following amended paragraph:

-- To register data of a memorandum of understanding, ~~reedition~~ re-edition is specified on the initial screen, the management number of the agreement, which is the base, is input, and contents of a change are input to a correction memorandum field, for example, by being itemized. --

Please replace the paragraph on page 81, lines 4-6 with the following amended paragraph:

-- At the time of ~~reedition~~ re-edition, the version number of the agreement management number is automatically updated by the system. --

Please replace the paragraph on page 81, line 16 – page 82, line 4 with the following amended paragraph:

-- Firstly, in step S31, the process branches to a route for which new registration, modification, or ~~reedition~~ re-edition of agreement information is selected. In the case of new registration, the process proceeds to step S32, in which an agreement management number is decided. Then, in step S33, an agreement counterpart and a country are decided. In step S34, an agreement form is decided. An agreement form is decided with the patterns P1 to P9 of Fig. 11. In the case of modification, an agreement management number is decided in step S35. In the case of ~~reedition~~ re-edition, an agreement management number is decided in step 36. Then, in step S37, a version number is updated. In step S38, data other than balance data is copied and extended in a database. --

Please replace the paragraph on page 83, lines 3 – 11 with the following amended paragraph:

-- Fig. 44(b) shows a subnumber process in the case of modification and ~~reedition~~ re-edition. Especially, in the case of ~~reedition~~ re-edition, also data to which a subnumber is added is copied in step S38 of Fig. 43. As the subnumber process at the time of modification or ~~reedition~~ re-edition, only a process for deciding a subnumber of a modification target is executed as indicated by step S44. If the system is not built as a system which supports a subnumber, the control shown in Fig. 44 is unnecessary. --

Please replace the paragraph on page 86, line 17 – page 87, line 7 with the following amended paragraph:

-- Firstly, in step S81, an input screen of balance information based on ~~consideration~~ price conditions is displayed. Step S82 is applied to the case where agreement data is managed with a subnumber. Namely, data with a subnumber, which is added to a management number, is displayed. Additionally, data of a selected subnumber is decided. In step S83, data of a deposit, etc., installments, a running royalty, an arrears interest, etc. are decided. Especially, a correspondence between an income and a payment of a running royalty, a payment due date, a payment amount, a currency unit, etc. are decided. Then, in step S84, data of distribution/sharing within a company is decided, and the registration is completed. Contents of the registered balance data are reflected on data including balance data of an agreement original, and on data downloaded as CSV data.